

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

APRIL 13, 1858.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. JONES submitted the following

REPORT.

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the "memorial of citizens of Michigan, praying that the pension granted to the Hon. Thomas Fitzgerald be extended to his children," have had the same under consideration, and report:

That Thomas Fitzgerald was at the time of his death an invalid pensioner of the United States, on account of having lost the use of his right arm, from a wound received in the war of 1812. The immediate cause of his death, (which occurred in March, 1855,) was from a fall in the street; and which, it is alleged by the petitioners, would probably not have happened but for the original disability of the arm. This, of course, could not be a subject of positive proof. But whether it was so or not, the committee do not think the bounty of the government should be extended to the children of the deceased, and therefore recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be denied.

